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AT THE JULY 32 MEETING, THE DPC ASKED THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO CSCE CBM'S (REF TEL). THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF MCM-52-75 DATED AUGUST 6 WHICH FORWARDS TO SYG THE VIEWS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF CBM'S TO THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES.

BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: CSCE: CONFIDENT BUILDING MEASURES - RELATIONSHIP TO AUTUMN FORGE

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1. AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY, 31 JULY, 1975, THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE ASKED FOR MILITARY ADVICE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE ON:

A. THE CONTENT OF A PROPOSED PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY SACEUR ON

THE AUTUMN FORGE SERIES OF EXERCISES.

B. HOW CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES, ADOPTED IN CSCE, WOULD RELATE TO THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES, OR TO COMPONENT EXERCISES THEREOF.

2. THE PRESS RELEASE ASPECT IS THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE MEMORANDUM.

3. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ARE IN ACCORD THAT AUTUMN FORGE IS AN UMBRELLA OR CONVENIENT DESIGNATION FOR A NEW NATO CONCEPT INVOLVING CO-ORDINATION OF A SERIES OF EXERCISES/MANOEUVRES, RATHER THAN A SINGLE EXERCISE/MANOEUVRE IN ITSELF. FURTHER, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE NOTE THAT WHILE A NUMBER OF THE MANOEUVRES LISTED IN THE AUTUMN FORGE SERIES COULD BE PRE-NOTIFIED UNDER THE CSCE AGREEMENT, OTHER EXERCISES SO LISTED FALL INTO CATEGORIES (E.G. INDEPENDENT AIR EXERCISES) WHICH, IN THE MILITARY VIEW, SHOULD NOT BE PRE-NOTIFIED TO STATES PARTICIPATING IN CSCE.

4. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE THEREFORE TAKE THE VIEW THAT AUTUMN FORGE SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A SINGLE MANOEUVRE FOR PURPOSES OF PRE-NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRES IN THE CONTEXT OF CBMS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WOULD BE NO MILITARY OBJECTION TO SEPARATE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE OF THIS VALUABLE NEW CONCEPT, IF IT WERE CONSIDERED THAT THERE WOULD BE POLITICAL ADVANTAGE IN DOING SO, AND NO PRECEDENT WOULD BE SET THEREBY.

5. MORE DETAILED ADVICE ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF CBMS TO AUTUMNFORGE HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, ON THE BASIS OF A MEMORANDUM (1) ACCEPTED BY THE MC SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS. THIS DETAILED ADVICE WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, IN FRAMING THEIR ADVICE TO THE DPC. THE MC MAY WISH TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THE CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES ISSUE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

END TEXT.

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